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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: God of gentle beauty and filled with mercy, we praise You for the seasonal blossoms which color this capital city. Hear the prayers of Your grateful yet repentant people, that we may truly rejoice in our spring feasts and see in our day the way of Your salvation revealed in the course of this Nation.

By Your spirit, enlighten the minds of the Members of Congress and transform their hearts, that they may think creatively and decide, be moved and act in accord with Your revealed truth and be guided by Your ever-present love.

May their self-restraint and disciplined priorities unite the people across this Nation in the ways of law-abiding justice and pave the road to peace.

Then, dying to self-centered lives, let Your people become a blessing to others and give You glory, honor and thanksgiving now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain five 1-minute speeches on each side.

### WHEN WILL CONGRESS STOP FUNDING WAR?

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, today the House will pass a budget which will fund the war in Iraq far into 2009. The budget includes an extra \$195 billion mostly for military operations in Iraq. Anyone who thinks this Congress is trying to end the war had better think again, because this budget signals we will be in Iraq for another 2 years or more, even though Congress has led the American people and the media to believe otherwise.

Congress recently engaged in a dubious debate about a nonbinding surge resolution. Even though Congress had and still has the authority to end the war now, we instead give it new life with last week's vote.

Now, \$195 billion on top of last week's supplemental means close to \$300 bil-

lion in a week approved to continue the war.

This war has sacrificed the lives of our troops and innocent civilians. It has advanced the interests of oil companies and contractors in the manner of a criminal enterprise. It has besmirched our national honor and alienated America from friends around the world.

When will Congress stand for truth and for peace and stop funding this war?

### COMMENDING MEDIA WATCHDOGS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, 20 years ago Brent Bozell, armed with a handful of employees, a black and white TV and a rented computer, set up shop for what is now the acclaimed Media Research Center.

Believing that an overwhelming percentage of news media exhibit a distinct liberal slant, Bozell intended to document and prove the bias existed. Bozell created a news-tracking system that provides comprehensive analysis based on scientific research.

From its humble beginnings, the Media Research Center has grown to be the Nation's largest news monitoring operation, employing 60 staffers with a \$6 million annual budget.

Bozell, his employees, and their compatriots will celebrate 20 years of success tonight at the company's annual gala. As a former reporter, I congratulate them for their success; and while I remain hopeful liberal bias in the media will dissipate, I am proud the Media Research Center will be on watch until it happens.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

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